

Lincoln Conservation Commission
Lincoln Town Hall
100 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2021 MEETING
OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

FRANCINE JACKSON - CHAIR
GERALD McNALLY – CO-CHAIR
LESLIE B ALEXANDER-SECRETARY/TREASURER
EMILY ARGUETA
JARED BETHEL
NATALIE NAULT
STEPHANIE SANTOS

MEMBERS ABSENT

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Francine Jackson called the May 5, 2021 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:05 PM.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Francine made a motion to approve the April 7, 2021 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Gerald. Voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill McManus stated what a great job the LCC was doing. He said a lot was getting done in Town. He thought we should look into getting outside help for the Butterfly Garden.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Gerald stated that he received a verbal communication from his mother, Karen McNally. She has inquired to whether the waterway behind her house and along the right side is protected. The home owners in back cut down trees and just left them in the ditch and water. She is questioning what can be done about trees. Should someone from Town clean this up? Leslie will inquire to see if this is private property.

Gerald also asked for his mother, if the property owner, on Hollywood Lane, cut down trees from the Holiday Drive Conservation area? Leslie stated that she will also inquire to the Town.

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None.

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Butterfly Garden- Leslie stated that 12 people attended the cleanup. We got some done, but there is a lot more to do. Stephanie asked if we can hire an outside company, to at least cleanup the back. Leslie said she will ask the Parks & Recreation Dept. Gerald stated that he and Jared had been working on the pathway. Leslie stated that we did receive the wrong size stone for the path. Leslie will call Public Works.

Shady Brook- Leslie stated that she reached out to the Arbor website, but the trees were all gone by 10am. Leslie stated she will continue to search for tree donations. Leslie stated that she sent an email to the URI master gardeners for suggestions on what to plant in this area and do a soil test. Leslie stated that she inquired to RIRRC. The compost is \$30 a yard. Natalie suggested inquiring to Butterfly Farm compost.

Historical Cemeteries- Leslie stated that the Town is asking for an acknowledgment from the Historical Society on receiving the donation. Francine stated what a good job Gerald did at the Lincoln Woods Cemetery.

Francine stated that the wall at cemetery #79, on Great Rd, had been worked on.

Town Cleanups – Stephanie stated that the cleanup on May 8th, on Breakneck Hill Rd, was still on. There will be a police detail for 4 hours. She stated that she has a tent, for sign up, in case of rain. Leslie has a waiver from the Town, and Emily has made a signup list. Stephanie met with Chief Sullivan to discuss how to tackle around the corner at Moffit Mill and Breakneck Hill. Stephanie suggested an ice cream truck for the volunteers after the cleanup. Leslie made a motion to spend no more than \$100.00 on ice cream. Stephanie seconded. Voted unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie stated that she asked Director Mike Gagnon to check 69 Lower Rd, the trash was disgusting.

Emily asked where the water, at Scott Pond, had been tested. DEM needs to be contacted.

Leslie stated that the Town suggested that the LCC file complaints with Housing regarding the problem trash areas in Town.

Francine stated that Al Ranaldi stated that the Town cannot help with the stone walls at Whipple Cullen project due to the fact that it is private property.

Natalie stated that to get LCC t-shirts. 15 t-shirts, 1 for Town Administrator, and 7 hooded sweatshirts will be \$538.00. Natalie will design an LCC logo. Leslie made a motion to void the \$300.00 request for Front St, and spend the \$538.00 needed for the t-shirts. Natalie seconded. Voted unanimously.

Emily had no report regarding Attleboro trash program.

Leslie stated that the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Tour will be Saturday, August 4, at 9:30am.

Gerald stated that the E-Waste event will be August 28 at Town Hall, from 9am-12pm. Leslie will advertise in the Valley Breeze.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Francine asked if the LCC had had a chance to look at the Hazard Mitigation email she sent. One of the project is the Butterfly Farm Silos. This is a major icon in Town.

Stephanie suggested that the LCC get a tent, card table, and banner for Town events. The LCC can show the progress of the commission and get people to volunteer. Leslie will inquire to prices. Leslie will also inquire to Town waivers for the cleanups.

Leslie stated that she received an email from Susan Rodrigues, a Northern Elementary School Teacher, who is going to have her class to a cleanup in Manville, May 15th or 16th.

Stephanie stated there is a RI Senate Bill, 2021-S0037, going to the House for approval, regarding single use plastic bags and straws in the State. Stephanie suggests that the LCC write a letter in favor of the bill. Leslie made a motion to have the LCC write a letter. Francine seconded. Voted Unanimously.

Jared excused himself at 9:12pm.

IX. BUDGET:

Leslie stated that there was still money in the budget. Leslie made a motion to spend \$300.00 on a backpack blower, for the cleanups. Gerald seconded. Voted unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Francine seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Next meeting is June 2nd.

Minutes taken by Leslie B Alexander.
Respectfully submitted by,
Leslie B Alexander, Secretary
Lincoln Conservation Commission